MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes, but the scarcity is only in years of drought.

(*b*) The President, Municipal Council, Shencotta, reports that the question of supplying good drinking water to the town is engaging the serious attention of the Council and that a definite scheme, when drawn up, will be placed before the Government for sanction.

Lands available for registry in Pattanapuram Taluk

105. **MR. H. B. MAHOMED ROWTHER** (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing:

(*a*) the total area of land disafforested for registry in Pattanapuram taluk;

(*b*) the extent of such land that has hitherto been registered; and

(*c*) the extent of such land that remains to be registered?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): A statement* containing the information asked for by the member is laid on the table.

Maintenance of the roads in Alleppey.

106. **MR. P. S. MAHOMED** (*Nominated*): (1) Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether motor traffic at Alleppey has greatly increased in addition to the increase in the number of loaded vehicles; and

(*b*) whether the roads of Alleppey have become miserably bad?

(2) Are the Government aware that the people of Alleppey are anxious to see that the roads are taken back from the hands of the Municipality?

(3) Are the Government aware that, with the present annual income of the Municipality, it is very difficult for the Municipal Council to maintain the roads properly?

(4) Considering the commercial and traffic importance of Alleppey, do the Government realise that the roads of the town should be kept sound in every respect?

(5) Do the Government propose to take any steps for maintaining the roads properly?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (1) (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(2) The answer is in the negative.

(3) No.

(4) Yes.

(5) The question is under consideration.

MR. P. S. MAHOMED (*Nominated*): ആലപ്പുഴ മുൻസിപാലിറ്റിയിൽ നിന്നും റോഡുകൾ തിരിച്ചു വാങ്ങണമെന്നു കാണിച്ചു റസല്യൂഷൻ പാസ്സാക്കി അയച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Yes, recently it has been received.

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MR. P. S. MAHOMED (*Nominated*): അത് അവിടത്തെ ആളുകളുടെ ആഗ്രഹമാണെന്ന ഗവണ്മെൻറിന് മനസ്സിലായിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Government only know that the Municipality wants it.

MR. P. S. MAHOMED (*Nominated*): ജനങ്ങളെ പ്രതിനിധീകരിക്കുന്ന ഒരു സ്ഥാപനമാണ് മുൻസിപ്പാലിറ്റി എന്നറിയാമോ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The President has forwarded a resolution of the Municipal Council; but Government have no information that it is the wish of the people of Alleppey.

Construction of the Trikariyur-Vettilappara Road, the Kotamangalam Bridge, etc.

107. **MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN** (*Muvattupuzha cum Todupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to state how many months have elapsed since the construction of the Trikariyur-Vettilappara road and the Kotamangalam bridge was stopped, and also the reasons for so stopping the work?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Four months. The bridge work had to be stopped on account of floods in the river and the road works for want of land. The proceedings for the acquisition of land are in progress.

Appointment of Munsiffs.

108. **MR. MURUVELIL PACHU PILLAI** (*Shertallai*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they consider specially the claims of those belonging to certain communities in the matter of appointment of Munsiffs;

(*b*) whether there are any Munsiffs at present (18-2-1104) from the Ezhava or the Mahomedan community;

(*c*) whether they have received applications from any one belonging to these two communities for appointment as Munsiffs; and

(*d*) if the answer to part (*c*) is in the affirmative, whether there is any special reason for not appointing them?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The claims of qualified persons of all communities are generally considered in the matter of appointment of Munsiffs.

(*b*) The answer is in the negative.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) These applications will be duly considered when vacancies occur.

Special Grade for undergraduate Teachers.

109. **MR. MURUVELIL PACHU PILLAI** (*Shertallai*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of vacancies at present (18-2-1104) in the special grade for undergraduate teachers; and

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